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## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY DEC 4TH

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Winter is quickly approaching and it's time to wrap up this year with ribbons and bows. Check out our website [www.libertylakewa.gov](http://www.libertylakewa.gov) for great tips for winter readiness.

Our upcoming Winterfest will create memories for years to come. Many events are planned to show you why we call Liberty Lake home. Enjoy touring the community, looking at home decorations for the holidays, the frostbite foot race obstacle course, visiting Santa, snow sculptures, and the musical sounds of the region's choirs. This is a time to bring your friends and family to our community and get ready to celebrate the upcoming holidays.

Get dressed up for the annual Liberty Lake Holiday Ball, and join us as we bring our community together to celebrate a year of accomplishments and prepare for the musical sensation of concerts in the Park for Summer of 2009. Each of us creates the magical outcomes of this season and next.

During this season of giving, please remember to give the gift of life. The Inland Northwest Blood Center is in need of donors. One gift of blood will save three lives! Please be that life-saving force within the community on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Greenstone Building. Happy Holidays!

*Mayor Wendy Van Orman*

### TREE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

By Amanda Tainio

Planning & Building Services Manager

All events held Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at City Hall:  
22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Carriage Rides	5:00—8:00
Chestnut Roasting	5:00—7:15
Pictures With Santa	5:00—7:15
Photo Contest Display	5:00—7:15
Food Drive Contest Drop-off	6:00—7:15
Refreshments	6:00—8:00
Crafts	6:00—6:30
K-Kids Caroling	6:30—6:45
Story Time	6:45—7:15
University High School Choir	7:15—7:30
Tree Lighting & Sing-Along	7:30

All events are FREE and open to the public. Carriage rides (courtesy of STCU) are on a first come first served basis; we will not be accepting reservations. Rides will run approx every 20 minutes and hold up to 8-10 people. *Cont on pg 2*



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## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY THURSDAY DEC. 4TH

### PARKING:

Parking is available at Trailhead Golf Course. Handicap Parking ONLY will be available at City Hall.

### FOOD DRIVE:

The annual canned food drive begins November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting donations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank at City Hall until Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations can be dropped off during business hours or left at the front atrium if City Hall is closed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest leads a network of more than 300 food banks throughout the region.

They provide more than 1 million pounds of food each month to those in need. Take a minute on your next shopping trip to help the less fortunate this holiday season. Donations will also be accepted during the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and kids who donate food will be entered into a special drawing.



### WEBSITE:

We have set up a special city website for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Light Tour. For more info, visit: <http://www.libertylakewa.gov/winter>

### CITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR DECORATING CONTEST:

This year the Liberty Lake community can be a part of a free home decorating contest. Simply decorate your home for the holiday season and submit a registration form to City Hall by December 8<sup>th</sup>. All registered homes will be eligible to win, and be added to the Christmas Light Tour List. Mayor Wendy Van Orman will select the grand prize winner to receive \$500 which she is personally sponsoring. The grand prize winner will be announced Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at City Hall during the last evening of Winterfest 2008, starting around 5:30pm.

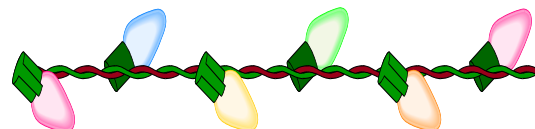
### Register your home:

- Stop by City Hall
- Register on our website
- Download a form to mail-in
- Give us a call (755-6708)

*Only registered homes will be eligible to win the grand prize.*

*All homes must be registered by December 8<sup>th</sup>!*

All registered homes will be added to our Christmas Light Tour List. To obtain a copy of the list and map, stop by City Hall or go to our website. The list will be available starting November 26<sup>th</sup> and a final list will be released December 10<sup>th</sup> and available at a variety of local businesses, City Hall, and our website.



## BUDGET UPDATE

By Jessica Platt

Administrative Services Manager

The 2009 budget process is underway. A second budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm inside City Hall Council Chambers. The City encourages public participation throughout the process. Copies of the detailed 2009 City of Liberty Lake Proposed Budget can be obtained at City Hall or online at [www.libertylakewa.gov](http://www.libertylakewa.gov). For more information regarding the 2009 proposed budget, please contact Jessica Platt, Administrative Services Manager, at 755-6702.



## FOPP HOLIDAY BALL

By Laura Frank

FOPP Board Member

The Friends of Pavillion Park will be hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Ball on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at The Davenport Hotel starting at 5:30pm. The evening consists of a champagne reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, and live music/dancing. The funds raised go toward providing FREE concerts & movies in the parks, college scholarships for Liberty Lake high school seniors, and supporting various community events. For event information or to purchase tickets, contact Laura at 863-8645, email: [pavillionpark@yahoo.com](mailto:pavillionpark@yahoo.com) or go to [www.pavillionpark.org](http://www.pavillionpark.org).

## MEET YOUR STAFF

My name is Margy Motsinger and I work as the Cataloger for the Library. I graduated with a B.A. from WSU, double majoring in Business Administration and Sociology. Upon the suggestion of a friend, I went through the Library Technician program at SFCC. One of my intern assignments brought me to LLML, where I was hired. Having a part-time position allows me to stay involved with my kids' sports and activities. I love interacting with the community, and I am looking forward to moving into the larger facility in January!



## WHAT'S NEW

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By Doug Smith

Community Development Director

The City has always been engaged in economic development activities; however, during these tremulous economic times the need to refocus and engage in economic development planning is paramount.

There is a renewed need to focus on our city's economic strategy. Our best efforts at economic development planning will seek to ensure Liberty Lake and the region will possess the economic resources (jobs, income, and tax base) necessary to achieve desirable needs and wants, including efficient basic services, quality schools, adequate housing, parks and cultural amenities, infrastructure, and so forth.

Our objective has consistently been, and will continue to be: maintaining the quality of life in our city with the goal of economic sustainability and access to quality jobs for all residents.

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

By Wendy Van Orman

Mayor

The Inland Northwest Blood Center (INBC) needs your help. It is not unusual for blood centers across the nation to incur local shortages during the month of December. Several factors contribute to this annual trend, including winter weather causing more accidents, and blood donors who travel out of the area or have cold and flu symptoms.

Although INBC increased its blood donor recruitment efforts during the holiday season in an effort to avoid shortages, donations are still lower than needed. Each day INBC depends on the generosity of volunteer donors to meet the needs of local patients at more than 36 hospitals and medical centers in our region. It takes a minimum of 150 units each day to meet local supply needs, provided

there is not a critical call for local blood. Help save the lives of your friends, family and neighbors – give lifesaving blood today and make a difference in your community!

**This holiday season give the most important gift one person can give to another – the gift of Life!**

*Please bring photo identification and drink plenty of fluids before your donation.*

*It is recommended you eat a nutritious meal 2 to 4 hours before your arrival.*

*For more information, please call INBC at 1-800-423-0151 or visit [www.inbc2.org](http://www.inbc2.org).*

*When was the last time you saved a life?*

**Liberty Lake Community Blood Drive will be held on**  
**Saturday – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**from 9:00am to 11:30am**  
**Location - Greenstone Parking Lot**



**Inland Northwest  
Blood Center**

It's About *Life!*

## LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

### DECEMBER STORY TIMES AT THE LIBERTY LAKE LIBRARY

By Amy Dickeson

Children's Librarian

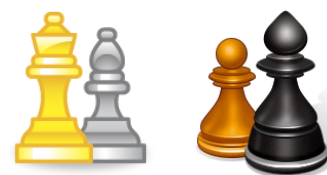
**Mondays**  
**10:15 and 11:00am**  
Baby Laptime  
Books, Rhymes, and Music  
Ages 9 months – 24 months



**Tuesdays**  
**10:30am**  
Toddler/Preschool  
Story Time  
Stories, music, and  
dramatic play  
18+ months



**Fridays and Saturdays**  
**10:30am**  
No story time Dec 12th or Dec 26th  
**Stories and Crafts**  
3 years and up  
Dec 5, 6 Pirates  
Dec 13 Sleepy Time  
Dec 19, 20 Holidays  
Dec 27 Mice are Nice



**FAMILY GAME  
NIGHT!**

**Thursday Dec. 11th**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**



Liberty Lake Municipal Library

1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 130, 140 Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: 509-232-2510 Fax: 509-232-2512



# Q & A

### HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: [wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov). I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

### MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our NEW Q & A Web Page: [www.libertylakewa.gov/questions](http://www.libertylakewa.gov/questions)

**Q: "Why did the speed limit on Country Vista Drive get reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph? For approximately 6 years this arterial has been open and the speed limit has been 45 mph. Currently, at least half of this section of Country Vista is undeveloped. If any roadway in the City of Liberty Lake should have a speed limit of 45 mph, this one is most certainly it. It appears the sole reason for this change was for the police to be able to write more tickets as I have witnessed an increase in traffic stops. Please do the right thing and change the speed limit back to 45 mph."**

A: "Thank you for your comments. As a driver, I sympathize with you about the change for the speed limit; I too set my cruise control to keep my speed under control in that section. While I understand your frustration, the speed limit will remain at 35 mph. The ordinance was done with the recommendation of our Police Chief with this purpose in mind.

- The change of speed had to be done for the traffic on Country Vista up to Henry due to the business approaches not being able to be accessed at 45 mph.
- Any speed limit change needs to be done by ordinance, the only portion left was less than a mile to the City of Spokane Valley which posted their entrance at 35 mph. The change in speed would save the driver a total of 17

seconds from 45 to 35 mph and gave the road consistency, one stretch to the other.

You may have witnessed traffic stops, but according to my information Washington State Patrol and the Spokane County Sheriffs have issued them. Unless the driver received a DUI or was traveling at excessive speeds, our Liberty Lake officers have given warnings. Despite popular belief, a major portion of the revenue that comes from a citation goes to the state not the City. Our officers are there to protect and educate."

**Q: "What is the street plowing priority for the City when it snows?"**

A: "During major storms, the City has to prioritize areas for plowing. Crews may plow arterials a second time before finishing residential streets. The City plows public streets according to the following:

1. Snow Emergency Routes. These emergency access routes carry the most vehicles.
2. Major Arterials. These are arterials that carry less than 15,000 vehicles a day.
3. Secondary Arterials & Bus Routes.
4. Residential Hills.
5. Residential Streets either when snowfall reaches between 4 and 6 in and/or all other priorities are in satisfactory condition.

The City uses trucks and graders to plow its streets. It is the property owner's responsibility to clear sidewalks and driveways, and residents should move their vehicles off the street when heavy snows occur."

### '09 RECREATION PREVIEW

By Troy Mullenix  
Recreation Coordinator

2009 is just around the corner and Liberty Lake Recreation Services will be entering our 3rd year of providing recreational opportunities to our community.

As people try to cut back on spending during these economic times, the City is committed to continuing to provide our community with great programs, and keep registration fees as low as possible. Currently, the City offers a variety of free programs & many others for under \$5. Look for more of these exciting programs in 2009.

Last summer, over 75 children ages 5-12 attended our summer daycamp CHILL, and in 2009 we anticipate over 100. New and exciting weekly themes are set, and we hope to extend camp hours, and have more staff to accommodate the anticipated increase in campers.



Events such as our Guitar Hero Tournament, Capture the Flag, and Free Ice Cream socials were huge successes in their inaugural year this past summer, and will be back!

The Liberty Lake Library has recently started a free after school program, which runs Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For next year, Recreation Services and the Library hope to expand it even more.

As we enter next year, we invite you to be involved in our programs, activities and events. Check our website often. Come and enjoy what our city has to offer!

### AFTER SCHOOL FUN!

By Tracy Rebstock  
Librarian

The Liberty Lake Municipal Library is the place to be after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for children ages 5 & up. They will enjoy various fun games, activities, crafts and more. Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult. The program runs from 3:30—5:30pm. For more information, contact Tracy or Amy over at the Library. (509) 232-2510.



### THANK YOU!

By Troy Mullenix  
Recreation Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who participated in our recreation programs this year. We increased our enrollment in programs by more than 500 people over 2007. Also a special thanks to those volunteers, and businesses who helped make 2008 a success! See you in 09!

*Troy Mullenix*

Let us know how we are doing by filling out our new recreation survey located on our website:

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/survey/>



**Carriage Rides &  
Pictures with Santa**  
5:00—8:00pm  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

### WINTERFEST 2008!

Enjoy the holiday season in Liberty Lake with three weekends with fun and challenging events to do or to watch. The Festival starts with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and goes through Friday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Lonnie: (509) 869-3822.



### Senior Lunch at City Hall

\$3.00

Suggested Donation  
No Reservations Needed  
Ages 60+

**Wednesdays**  
**11:00am-1:00pm**

**Mon Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00—9:00pm**

### Adults Night Out!

**FREE!**

FREE shuttle from City Hall to CDA Casino.  
FREE COUPONS good for  
Discounted dinner & more!



Enjoy great entertainment, food, shopping, meet some friends, and leave the driving to us. Register by Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall to reserve your spot!

# GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

## Tuesday, Dec 2nd

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Wednesday, Dec 3rd

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Dec 4th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Tree Lighting, 5pm—8pm, City Hall

## Friday, Dec 5th

- *Winterfest: Frostbite Foot Race*, Pavillion Park, 6pm

## Saturday, Dec 6th

- *Winterfest: Snowshoe Softball*, Pavillion Park, 2pm

## Monday, Dec 8th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

## Wednesday, Dec 10th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall

## Wednesday, Dec 10th (cont)

- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Dec 11th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Friday, Dec 12th

- *Winterfest: Slip n' Slide Hockey*, Pavillion Park, 7pm
- Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball, 5:30pm, Davenport Hotel (Spokane)

## Tuesday, Dec 16th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Wednesday, Dec 17th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowood Homeowner's Assoc. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Dec 18th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Friday, Dec 19th

- *Winterfest: Contest Winners Announced*, City Hall, 5:30pm

## Monday, Dec 22nd

- Central Valley School Board Meeting 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

## Wednesday, Dec 24th

- *Christmas Eve*
- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Dec 25th

- *Christmas Day*
- *City Hall Closed*

## Thursday, Dec 31st

- *New Year's Eve*
- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall



# LIBERTY LINK

*A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens*

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